

**CLAIMS**

1. A method for controlling a wireless device, the method comprising the steps of:  
5 receiving at least one DTMF tone over a communications channel at the wireless communications device; and  
controlling, in response to the at least one DTMF tone command, an operating characteristic of the wireless communications device.
- 10 2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the controlling step comprises making at least one observable indication emanate from the wireless communications device.
- 15 3. The method according to claim 2, wherein the observable indication comprises an audible ring.
4. The method according to claim 2, wherein the observable indication comprises an illumination of at least a portion of the wireless communications device.
- 20 5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the controlling step comprises changing a ring mode of the wireless communications device.

6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the controlling step comprises controlling a communications port of the wireless communications device.

7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the controlling step comprises  
5 transferring data out of a communications port of the wireless communications device.

8. A wireless communications device, comprising:  
a DTMF receiver for receiving at least one DTMF tone at the wireless  
10 communications device; and  
a DTMF protocol processor for controlling, in response to the at least one DTMF tone, an operating characteristic of the wireless communications device.

9. The wireless communications device according to claim 8, wherein the DTMF  
15 protocol processor makes at least one observable indication emanate from the wireless communications device.

10. The wireless communications device according to claim 9, wherein the observable indication comprises an audible ring.

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11. The wireless communications device according to claim 9, wherein the observable indication comprises an illumination of at least a portion of the wireless communications device.

12. The wireless communications device according to claim 8, wherein the DTMF protocol processor further changes a ring mode of the wireless communications device.

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13. The wireless communications device according to claim 8, wherein the DTMF protocol processor further controls a communications port of the wireless communications device.

10 14. The wireless communications device according to claim 8, wherein the DTMF protocol processor further transfers data out of a communications port of the wireless communications device.

15 15. The wireless communications device according to claim 8, further comprising a packet data receiver for receiving the at least one DTMF tone.

16. The wireless communications device according to claim 8, further comprising a circuit data receiver for receiving the at least one DTMF tone.

20 17. The wireless communications device according to claim 8, further comprising an associated control channel receiver for receiving the at least one DTMF tone.

18. A computer program product comprising computer programming instructions for controlling a wireless device, the computer programming instructions comprising instructions for:

receiving at least one DTMF tone over a communications channel at the  
5 wireless communications device; and

controlling, in response to the at least one DTMF tone, an operating characteristic of the wireless communications device.

19. The computer program product according to claim 18, wherein the instructions  
10 for controlling comprise instructions for making at least one observable indication emanate from the wireless communications device.

20. The computer program product according to claim 19, wherein the observable indication comprises an audible ring.

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21. The computer program product according to claim 19, wherein the observable indication comprises an illumination of at least a portion of the wireless communications device.

20 22. The computer program product according to claim 18, wherein the instructions for controlling comprise instructions for changing a ring mode of the wireless communications device.

23. The computer program product according to claim 18, wherein the instructions for controlling comprise instructions for controlling a communications port of the wireless communications device.

- 5 24. The computer program product according to claim 18, wherein the instructions for controlling comprise instructions for transferring data out of a communications port of the wireless communications device.